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In the Claims:

The following is a list of claims pending in this application and their current status. This listing supersedes and replaces all prior versions and listings. The redlining in this listing compares the amended claims to the last claims examined before the RCE.

1. (Currently amended) A method of sharing computer user experiences, including:

communicating with a registration server to register~~[[ing]]~~ a user with a registration server, for automatic client-side collection of computer usage experiences for future sharing, ~~to collect and share tracking data corresponding to at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences,~~ wherein the computer usage experiences include one or more of browsing URLs or visiting a location with a location-aware device that records the visited location;

accessing one or more of the user's messaging buddy lists and selecting to ~~identify~~ one or more buddies with whom to share the automatically collected computer usage experiences ~~the tracking data may be shared;~~

defining categories of computer usage experiences to be shared with particular selected rights of the buddies to access the tracking data;

tracking automatically on the client-side at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences and reporting the user's computer usage experiences ~~tracking data~~ to a tracking server to be published to the particular buddies in accordance with their defined categories of sharing;

~~posting at least a portion of the user's tracking data for the buddies to access according to their defined rights.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are a single server.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are distinct servers.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's e-mail address.

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5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's actual name.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's physical address.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user excludes collection of any information that identifies a user in a manner adapted to direct marketing.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein registering the user further includes establishing an anonymous unique identifier for the user.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein reporting the tracking data includes reporting the anonymous unique identifier.
10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by AOL's Instant Messenger software.
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by MSN Messenger software.
12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by Yahoo! Messenger software.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by America Online's ICQ software.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by Odigo's instant messenger software.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by Jabber's instant messenger software.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by content category of the user's computer usage.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by appearance of one or more keywords on pages corresponding to URLs viewed.

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18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the rights of the buddies are defined by activity type of the user's computer usage.
19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the user utilizes a computer and tracking is carried out by a module resident on the computer.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the tracking is carried out by a device placed between a computer utilized by the user and an access point to the Internet.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer usage experience tracked is filtered before it is reported to the tracking server.
22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer usage reported is filtered after it is reported to the tracking server and before it is posted for the buddies to access.
- 23.-26. (Cancelled).
27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further including sending tracking data regarding one of a user's computer usage experiences to one or more buddies.
28. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content and sorting the tracking data by content category.
29. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content and making the tracking data searchable by content category and date range.
30. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating notes with individual tracking data entries.
31. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating ratings with individual tracking data entries.
32. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein posting further includes indexing text portions of at least a portion of pages reported from tracking the user's Internet usage.
33. (Original) The method of claim 32, wherein text indexing is limited to pages reported from tracking as having been annotated or forwarded by the user.

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34. (Currently amended) A method of sharing Internet browsing experiences, including:

registering a user with a registration server ~~to track~~ for automatic client-side collection of the user's Internet usage;

tracking automatically with a client-side application at least a portion of the user's Internet usage and reporting the tracking data to a tracking server;

categorizing at least a portion of the tracking data by content;

posting at least a portion of the user's tracking data for the user to access, including providing a searching tool and an annotating tool.

35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are a single server.

36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the registration server and the tracking server are distinct servers.

37. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's e-mail address.

38. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's actual name.

39. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of the user's physical address.

40. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user excludes collection of any information that identifies a user in a manner adapted to direct marketing.

41. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein registering the user further includes establishing an anonymous unique identifier for the user.

42. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the tracking is carried out by a module resident on a computer utilized by the user.

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43. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the tracking is carried out by a device placed between a computer utilized by the user and an access point to the Internet.
44. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage tracked is filtered before it is reported to the tracking server.
45. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage reported is filtered before it is posted for the user to access.
46. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is viewing URLs and downloading files.
47. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is song listens by the user.
48. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is video viewings by the user.
49. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is purchases by the user.
50. (Previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein the Internet usage is sending tracking data regarding one of a user's computer usage experiences to one or more buddies.
51. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein annotation tools associate notes with individual tracking data entries.
52. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein posting further includes providing annotation tools for associating ratings with individual tracking data entries.
53. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein posting further includes indexing text portions of at least a portion of URLs reported from tracking the user's Internet usage.
54. (Currently amended) A method of sharing Internet browsing experiences, including:

tracking automatically with a client-side application at least a portion of a user's Internet usage and reporting the tracking data to a server;

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categorizing at least a portion of the reported tracking data by content category;

presenting to the user a history of the reported tracking data, with tools for searching and forwarding the tracking data;

sending one or more entries from the history of the reported tracking data to one or more persons identified on one or more of the user's buddy lists ~~and reporting the sending to an additional server.~~

55. (Currently amended) A method of sharing computer user experiences, including:

registering a user with a registration server to collect and share tracking visited location data using a client-side application ~~corresponding to at least a portion of the user's computer tracked visited location experiences, wherein the computer tracked visited location experiences include~~ collected while visiting a location with a ~~computer~~ location-aware device that records the visited location;

accessing one or more of the user's messaging buddy lists to identify one or more buddies with whom the tracking data may be shared;

defining rights of the buddies to access the tracking visited location data;

~~tracking at least a portion of the user's computer usage experiences and reporting the tracking data to a tracking server;~~

posting at least a portion of the user's tracking visited location data for the buddies to access according to their defined rights.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the messaging buddy list is maintained by an instant messenger software.